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SUBJECT: KAGNEW 4: KIDNAPPING OF BRITISH HONORARY CONSUL

REFS: (A) KHARTOUM 2541; (B) JIDDA 7325; (C) STATE
259430; (D) A-4708, JULY 10, 1975

1. IN LIGHT PARA 2, REF A, S/CCT CALLED MUIR OF UK EMBASSY
(REF C) TO CALL HIS ATTENTION TO AN ASPECT OF US TERRORISM
POLICIES WHICH HAD NOT COME UP AT OCTOBER 31 MEETING BUT
WAS INCLUDED IN WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THOSE POLICIES (REF D)
PROVIDED EMBASSY AT THAT MEETING AND EARLIER. THIS WAS USG
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POLICY OF NOT ONLY NOT PAYING RANSOM ITSELF BUT ALSO OF DIS-

COURAGING OTHER GOVERNMENT'S, COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS FROM SUCH ACTION. S/CCT SAID THAT WHILE MATTER OF A RANSOM FOR RELEASE OF BURWOOD-TAYLOR HAD NOT YET ARISEN, AND MIGHT NEVER ARISE, WE WISHED HMG TO BE AWARE OF THIS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR POLICIES, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE AMERICAN, AND POSSIBLY ALSO THE ITALIAN, CAPTIVES IN ERITREA IF A RANSOM WERE PAID BY GELATLY-HANKEY FOR BURWOOD-TAYLOR'S RELEASE.

2. IN LIGHT PARA 2, REF B, S/CCT FURTHER NOTED THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE NON-UK CAPTIVES OF ANY HMG EMPHASIS TO THE ELF/PLF OF THE FACT THAT THE UK PROVIDES NEITHER

ECONOMIC NOR MILITARY SUPPORT TO THE EPMG. THIS IS A KNOWN FACT BUT ITS EMPHASIS AS AN ARGUMENT FOR RELEASE OF BURWOOD-TAYLOR COULD, AGAIN, HAVE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR KAGNEW 4 AND OUR HOPED-FOR UNITED-FRONT VIS-A-VIS ELF/PLF.

3. MUIR TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF THESE POINTS AND SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT THEM TO LONDON. KISSINGER

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